

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner set forth an Election of Species Requirement that identified what the Examiner characterized as three patentably distinct species of the claimed invention. In particular, the Examiner suggested that the present application contains claims directed to the following three species of the claimed invention:

Species 1: Figures 5-10;

Species 2: Figure 11; and

Species 3: Figure 12.

In response to the Election of Species Requirement set forth in the Office Action, Applicant hereby elects Species 1 (Figures 5-10) for examination, without traverse. Claims 1-20 are readable on the elected Species 1 (Figures 5-10). Additionally, new claim 27 added by this paper is believed to be generic to the three species identified by the Examiner in the Office Action.

Applicant's election herein is made without prejudice. As noted by the Examiner, upon the allowance of a generic claim, Applicants will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.141.

An action on the merits of all the claims and a Notice of Allowance thereof are respectfully requested. In the event that the Examiner wishes to discuss any of the matters contemplated hereby, the Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone conversation with the undersigned.

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